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Several homes that are located entirely within the boundaries of the Angeles National Forest (ANF) were destroyed in 2002 during the Curve and Williams Fires. For many years the owners of these homes negotiated with the United States Forest Service (USFS) to secure permission to re-build their homes. Recently the USFS issued a written determination allowing these residents to re-build their homes.

Residents who lost their homes in the Curve and Williams Fires will apply for permits to the Building & Safety Division of the Department of Public Works. In the normal course of operations Building & Safety may consult with other departments concerning compliance with all relevant building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing and fire codes.

The residents who owned homes destroyed in the Curve and Williams Fires are now faced with complying with the County of Los Angeles requirements that are presenting significant challenges in the re-building process. These residents have contacted my office with concerns about potentially conflicting requirements between the USFS and the County.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors to direct the:

1. Director of Public Works to convene a task force that includes representatives of Public Works, the Fire Department, Health and County Counsel to formulate and recommend a consistent County policy relative to County requirements for individuals who would like to re-build homes destroyed in the Curve and Williams Fires; and
2. County task force to consult with the United States Forest Service representatives and residents whose homes were destroyed in the Curve and Williams Fires; and
3. Task force to report back to the Board of Supervisors within 60 days.

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